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Council On Aging Minutes 11/19/2009

TOWN OF ARLINGTON COUNCIL ON AGING
 27 MAPLE STREET
 ARLINGTON, MA 02476

John Jope Executive Director

Ann FitzGerald Chair

Minutes for Arlington COA, Nov. 19, 2009

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 Called to order at 7:05 pm

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Attending: Ann FitzGerald, Harry McCabe, Karen Nichols, Lucilia Prates, Bill Carey, Annette Bender

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Absent: Mildred Hurd, Joanne Morel

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Guests: Dot Lansil, Andrew Fisher, Robert Masters, MD, Nancy Roach

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 Minutes of Oct. 22 meeting approved date correction

Report of Chair:

1. Joint COA and ASA Board agreed to commence outreach effort with Chinese community.

Look into inviting program now meeting in Lexington to meet at ASA.

Suggestion made to invite a member of Chinese community to join COA Board. Lucilia will invite her neighbor. Another suggestion was to invite a leader in the Chinese community.

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 2. End-of-Life series is being planned. Karen Nichols has experience presenting this type of program and is solicited to assist. She suggested soliciting the input of local churches that have held such programs to participate on planning committee. It was suggested that this request be made after the new year.

3. There is a need for a Governance Committee. Annette Bender volunteered to participate

Citizen's Open Forum

A. Fisher brought in Dr. Masters and Ms Roach to describe the Community Alliance Pace program.

a. Provides SCO non-profit HMO-type integrated care for people eligible for Medicare and MA Health.

COA determined that COA could not become active in any aspect of the program but could refer information to Arlington SHINE and invite them to a Health Forum to be scheduled for 2010.

Report of Executive Director

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 1. We passed the HUD review

2. No additional 9C cuts were made so far in the state budget; another round of cuts is coming up. We need to have contingency funding plans if COA funding is cut.

3. It is time to prepare the Annual Report. Please send John Jope information to be included by the end of November.

4. Town has a Transportation Advisory Committee with a liaison person to COA: Michael Rademacher

(mrademacher@town.arlington.ma.us).

a. Discuss issues like safety and snow removal

5. Note that Town Manager 5-year plan includes a request for additional funding for the COA (see report on Arlington website)

6. Board is invited to join the COA in distributing Thanksgiving meals. Come to COA at 9 am on Thanksgiving.

a. This program was partially funded by the Arlington Men's Club

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 Unfinished Business

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 1. Budget

a.----- 2011 Warrants:

a.----- Accepted Item 1 with amending "or water bills" from proposal to add a line on tax bill for donation to COA Transportation Enterprise Program. Harry Mc C will prepare waiver language.

b.----- Accepted Item 2 re funding for sending 2 editions of "Senior Notes" to all Arlington seniors

c.----- Accepted Item 3 re Town implementing program to clean income eligible senior's sidewalks if they are unable to do it themselves

d.----- Items 4 and 5 re Minuteman Sr. Services and Harry Barber Community Service Program were passed.

e.----- Passed motion to submit a warrant for additional social worker rather than amending budget, as this may be a more efficacious way to accomplish this goal. Harry Mc C will prepare warrant.

f. Dollar figures in proposed warrants will be added by J. Jope

It was suggested that a letter to Christine Sharkey asking that these warrant articles be open to discussion if they are not accepted as proposed.

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b.----- Voted to transfer \$3,000 from CDBG to Transportation Fund for van replacement

c Board voted to transfer \$9000 from Sevoyan Trust Fund to Gift Fund monies used for deficits in Lifeline Subsidy Fund and Transportation Subsidy Fund. The Sevoyan Dental Program evaluation was tabled for this month will be reviewed in January.

a.----- A suggestion was made to perhaps cap the amount on the Dental fund Reviewed in January.

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New Business:

Tabled setting of annual goals for the current year

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Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

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Next scheduled meeting is Thursday Dec.17, 2009

Revised Dec.3,2009

Annette Bender, Recorder for month